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Office: 339 Pennsylvania Avenue N. W. IF SPEAKER CANNON is complaisant,

the Senate will take a recess Dec. 22. ANOTHER revolution is due in Santo

THE President is anxious that Senator Hanna's declination have one of these

patent non-reversible stays.

Domingo. The last one is not yet a mouth

THE richest and about the only results of the extra session are the mileage vouchers and Joe Cannon's snub to the Senate.

COLOMBIA says that she can raise 100,000 men, and can preserve the peace of the Isthmus. Why has she never done It since she was a Nation?

DES MOINES could not rest until she had a military post, and now she has his army in great shape at Savannah, nightmare because the soldiers of the garrison are black.

THE very worst thing that has happened to the negroes is that the International Bureau of Socialists has protested against the lynching of colored men.

THE discovery of a theoretical "recess" is not creditable to the War Department. Plain people don't want the Government carried on by lawyer's sharp practices.

THE enthusiastic temper of the Republiean National Committee makes it about as certain as anything human can be that the Secretary of the Treasury to pledge the next President of the United States that no more greenbacks would be issued, will be Theodore Roosevelt.

"UNCLE JOE" CANNON held his ground ties, the Treasury was compelled to avoid for the House of Representatives like a the strict fulfillment of its pledge by

Dowie's mistake was a question of time. If he had gone to New York before the bogus trust operators had milked the town dry he would have had better luck. As it was he spent \$250,000 that had better gone to meet his monthly bills.

PROBABLY the best way to avoid war with Colombia would be to give Panama an advance payment of that \$10,000,000. She could then give the Colombian soldiers

QUITE a number of the leading papers of the South approve the action of the 993,500 of these were issued, or about as tival, which, in the old country, was an Trustees of Trinity College in refusing to accept Prof. Bassett's resignation, but the curred by the first two years of the war. Raleigh News and Observer is sure that These became especially desirable for the badger drawing, and similar brutal sports. Raleigh News and Observer is sure that These became especially desirable for the badger drawing, and similar brutal sports, Bassett's doctrines will destroy the civilization of the South.

FOR SOME reason Tammany has soured on Ex-Senator Charles Towne, and he will not warm the seat now held by shared the depreciation of the greenback, season of the Savior's birth, but the suris not apparent. Possibly Towne's breezy more than half their face. Westernism was too fresh for the Tiger's

attitude of the United States in footing, and Congress authorized a loan came the early prejudices, and gave Christmuch nervousness and some re- payable "in coin." Though \$600,000,000 now more what it was always intended to

How suddenly the glory of the very fich passeth away! Last year J. Pierpont Morgan was the richest and most powerful man in the world. To-day he is merely a punching-bag for John D. Rockefeller. To-morrow a man may arise to wipe up the earth with Rockefeller.

TION TO REPAYING THEIR LOAN COLOMBIA is reported to be purchasing THE ENORMOUS SUM OF \$215,363,great quantities of dynamite. While we 531, or ABOUT \$2 FOR EVERY DOLreally do not care what they do with it, we would suggest that unless they want LAR LENT.

tendency of other evils to cure themselves.

The laws of business are much more efficacious when left to their free working, than any passed by Congress. A special instance is shown in the suit of Gardner

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Si thought this was a good opportunity to announce the presence of himself and should be the veterans. It says:

The greenback went up a battalion is decreasing away of general in the convergence of himself and should be the convergence of himself a Hall, a well-known manufacturer of Connecticut, to break up the North American Trust Company, and recover \$225,000 which he had put into the trust when a member of the White Mountain Paper Co. The plaintiff tells the ordinary story of these enterprises. The company was ordinary story of these enterprises. The company was ordinary story of the story of these enterprises. The company was organized under the laws of New Jersey,
ganized under the laws of New Jersey,
greenback to fall again to below 70 cents.

The company was ordition of things in the South, caused the loss. It is better to have this large amount in circulation than to have it piled up in

Still, there was an increased proportion.

It is better to have this large amount in circulation than to have it piled up in ganized under the laws of New Jersey, greenback to fall again to below 70 cents, in circulation than to have it piled up in with an alleged capital of \$15,000,000 and the year closed with an average price the vaults at Washington."

THE FINANCIAL OPERATIONS OF 1888. We have some further figures to put in and appreciation of value over \$500; that comparison with the \$3,200,000,000 paid is, he got back his original \$221, then he

As we said last week, the first six months of 1864 resulted very gloomily for the friends of the Union. By July the great armies of which such high hopes had been entertained seemed, after the most appalling slaughter, fought to a standstill, before impregnable intrenchments held by the high-spirited enemy, from whom they hardly dared retreat, while the smaller armies had been disastrously defeated and chased back to the cover of their intrench-

As said before, the gold valuation of

the greenback had fallen to nearly one-

city which had been his objective; Early's

army, which had camped in the suburbs of

Washington, had been at last brought to

battle at Winchester and sent whirling up

the Valley, and the greenback slowly rose

from an average value of 38.7 cents in

July to 39.4 cents in August; 44.9 cents in

September, and 48.3 cents in October. It

will be perceived that this rise was not so

rapid as its fall had been. The moneyed

men were not nearly so disposed to hearten

up after a defeat as they were to

sink into the slough of despond

after a defeat. For example: Sherman's

disappearance on his March to the Sea.

and Hood's appearance with his army in-

tact in Tennessee threatening Nashville,

and to raid clear back to the Ohio River,

tumbled the greenbacks down from 48.3

cents in October, to 42.8 cents in Novem-

ber-a fall of almost six cents on the dol-

lar. This in itself was an almost ruinous

depreciation of the securities which de-

pended upon it. In peaceful times i

would have been ruinous, but the people

were getting used to enormous fluctua-

The battle of Franklin and Thomas's

crowning victory at Nashville in Decem-

ber lifted the greenback, and this was

confirmed by Sherman's appearance with

which place he captured almost simulta-

neously with the destruction of the rebel

army before Nashville, and the year 1865

opened with the greenback risen to 46.3

cents. It was still nearly two cents lower

than it had been in October, showing how

sluggish were the moneyed men to take

heart, even after the most gratifying suc-

cesses, and how timid they were in the

face of everything that they could con-

There were perhaps other reasons for

this depreciation of the greenback. The

moneyed men had forced Congress and

but as they were so reluctant to lend

Another loan was authorized at the

The greenback went up after the sur-

renders at Appomattox and Durham Sta-

tion to 73.7 cents in May, but the great

strue as unfortunate for the Union.

would pass from hand to hand.

ments.

amounts and kinds of paper money: State Bank notes\$142,019,638 National Bank notes 146,137,860 third of its face. Things then began to Greenbacks 432,687,966 mend. Sept. 1 Sherman crowned his At-lanta campaign with the capture of the

salvage they could out of what was al-

circulation, at that time, the following

finally \$168 in interest.

Fractional currency 25,005,829

Total\$983,318,686 The gold value of this immense mass of currency was then only \$322,649,247. If it had not been for the unflinching fortitude of the men who were then Aghting the battles of the country, the people who held all this money would never have realized even that much-probably not nearly that much. But the undiscouraged soldiers went on fighting, firm in the faith

of ultimate victory, and by the time they had compelled the surrender of the rebel armies, the value of the greenback was raised to 70.4 cents on the dollar, and the total value of the above amount of currency was appreciated to \$692,256,355. Thus in 11 months they had earned for the holders of the above listed money alone \$370,607,108. If we add to this the appreciation upon the bonds already issued, and the appreciation of all the stocks of other kinds in banks, factories, rall-

rious other profits that could be enumerated, we shall find that in the momentous ated, we shall find that in the momentous sessions of Congress the galleries of the months from July 1, 1864, to June 1, Senate and House were huge banks of 1865, the soldiers in the field, who were enduring uncounted hardships, making so generally intelligent or appreciative. boundless sacrifices, and daring the most unheard-of dangers, earned for the moneyed men of the country far more than the \$3,200,000,000 which have so far been

MONTHS.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Before the next number of THE NA FIONAL TRIBUNE reaches its readers, they will have celebrated the glad return of pale convalescents from the scores of Christmas time, and we wish them all the Many of these had lost arms in the last very merriest of Christmases. They have year of terrible fighting in the Wilder earned it, they deserve it, and we earnest- ness, around Petersburg, and in the Vally hope that it will come to each and all

money, and gave it in such sparse quanti-The thoughts which will visit each vetman, and the public appland him for it.

The Senate has found out it is not the were technically not greenbacks, but war, which seemed to always come at the war, which seemed to always come at the lives of their enemies browsers don't seem to be rather the series and the lives of their enemies browsers don't seem to be rather the series and the lives of their enemies browsers don't seem to be rather the series and the lives of their enemies browsers don't seem to be rather the series and the lives of their enemies browsers don't seem to be rather the series and the lives of their enemies browsers don't seem to be rather the series and the lives of their enemies browsers don't seem to be rather the series and the lives of their enemies browsers don't seem to be rather the series and the lives of their enemies browsers don't seem to be rather the series and the lives of their enemies browsers don't seem to be rather the series and the lives of their enemies browsers don't seem to be rather the series and the lives of their enemies browsers don't seem to be rather the series and the lives of their enemies browsers don't seem to be rather the series and the lives of their enemies browsers don't seem to be rather the series and the lives of their enemies browsers don't seem to be rather the series and the lives of their enemies browsers don't seem to be rather the series and the lives of their enemies browsers don't seem to be rather the series and the lives of their enemies browsers don't seem to be rather the series and the lives and the lives of their enemies browsers don't seem to be rather the series and the lives of the lives and the lives of the lives and the lives of the lives and the lives and the lives of the lives and the lives are lived to the lives and the lives are lived the lives and the lives are lived the lives and the lives are lived the lives are lived the lives are lived the liv mination that they darkest periods of the struggle. He can own lives and the lives of their enemies fill his own heart with much gladness by iust beyond. They steaded their weak steps with In effect, the Government was borrowing money from its soldiers and people, in slaughter at Fredericksburg, the disheart- in all their time seeing the wonders of spite of the capitalists. That is, not being able to borrow from the bankers and terrific fighting at Chickamauga, with the long years, and for which they had made other moneyed men, say, \$500 in green- contemplation of the present glory and such innumerable sacrifices. backs, the Treasury issued instead 50 \$10 greatness of the country to which those notes bearing compound interest, which it dark days led.

got the people and soldiers to take insoon as the Treasury got on a firmer foot- North—the Presbyterians, Congregationalmoneyed men as soon as the bonds began accompanied by the wildest license in exchangeable for United States bends on frowned upon it as one of the devil's own actually over, but were sure that the Govyet moves as easy as if floating," said advantageous conditions. They of course inventions and saw in it not the sacred erhment would still have much need of Si. "Who in the world have we seen do advantageous conditions. They, of course, inventions, and saw in it not the sacred the Episcopalian influence predominated, March 3, 1865, things were looking very Christmas was in much greater vogue much brighter for the Government, and than north of Mason and Dixon's line. the end of the war seemed in sight. The Later the great immigration of Germans, A LONDON paper says that "The Treasury began to try to get on a better and especially Dickens's writings, over-East is causing Russia for five or 20 years at 6 per cent. interest, mas everywhere a great impetus. It is over 12 per cent. in gold. The gold value happiest and most joyful thoughts of answered his matter-of-fact partner. paid interest in gold, \$113,695,906.32, be- up to the fullest enjoyment of the "halsides enhancing the value of the bonds to lowed season." We become better men holders. Thus GIVING THE BOND world better by so doing.

HOLDERS ALTOGETHER, IN ADDIto the myriads of readers of THE NATION-

the Treasury had made to get money, where there are from 350 to 400 pension-

"The pensions paid the soldiers help hem and their families and benefit the their hearts. 31 them and their families and benefit the business interests of every community. No listed men and subordinate officers, amount of money which the Government of recessities and comforts as soon as re-

gained under the laws of New Jersey, and the pole of Decents, and the other \$5,000,000 to the subspice of \$35,000,000 to the unasspecting public. His pole of \$35,000,000 to the unasspecting public and convalence terms for you there the unasspecting the public pu



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ready gone, and let it go at that. One item in the account will show how menacing the situation then was. There were in

They were too young and active to remain idle long, and yet there seemed nothing tangible to do. They were still in the service, but there was no good going back to their regiment, even if they had dared mention the matter to their wives, because it was in daily expecta-tion of marching on to Washington, and then in all probability of being mustered out. They could only wait the wheels going around in the War Department, and every morning they scanned the news papers with feverish interest for somehing that would bear upon the future

of their regiment. When their wives were worn out with sightseeing, Si and Shorty would take a vacation on the Avenue, wandering about the hotels searching for those they might know and for information as to their fu-

Blue was the overwhelming color abou Washington in April and May, 1865. Mulitudes of blueclad men swarmed everywhere with the insignia of their rank on heir indigo-dyed garments, ranging all the way from the modest double chevrons of the Corporal to the impressive twin stars of the Major-General.

They crowded the hotels from early

dawn to far past midnight, overflowed th boarding houses, packed to suffocation the street cars, omnibuses and public conveyances, and filled the broad sidewalks roads, State, County and municipal bonds, with a never-ending procession. They other paper evidences of value, and the value of blue. They crowded even the great spacious Capitol, and during the The Congressmen never had so many vitally interested auditors nor any The issues of the day were of intens interest to the men in blue. Every word every motion, every vote was of absorb-ing impressiveness. They had the strongest likes and dislikes for every man or paid for pensions.

REMEMBER, THAT THIS WAS
ALL DONE IN LESS THAN 11

either floor, for if they did not know him personally, they knew him through the press, and were so quick to manifest their opinions by loud applause or the reverse, that the presiding officers of the Houses had a time keeping the galleries

In the great multitude which overflowed the city were all classes and conditions of soldiers. Most of the enlisted men were ley. Many had lost legs, and were geteran's mind at this season of the year less-obvious gunshot wounds, the prostrat-

contrasting his feelings after the terrible canes, and wandered about, eager to put

There were, too, thousands of boyish recruits, too young to be accepted in the Of late years Christmas has become and small to be taken until war's besom bams and he may have a few chores to served it ago, and many times. You de stead of the ordinary greenbacks. These very much more of an event than in the had swept their older and stronger brothnotes were for three years, and had their early history of the country. The stern ers into camp-little and callow, but very everything that pertained to the war. They natural somehow. to enhance in value, because they were drinking. No wonder our forefathers pretended not to believe that the war was

Mayor-Elect McClelian. Just what has mound-interest-bearing quality, worth not Roman Saturnalia. In the South, where "After fighting four years like they have, an Army of the Potomac man." they're not going to lay down just because Bob Lee and Joe Johnston say so. ing was a superb specimen of the young They'll need us to go in and really set-They'll need us to go in and really set-

"That they will," would answer the oth-"Everybody's saying that." The utmost astonishment was the great

number of officers of high rank. "Great Jehosephat, just look at the Generals," Shorty gasped at Si, one evening, as they looked in at the office of sentment." Probably she has some information of a probable Republic of Manbe placed. With the greenback still far

be—a season for the revival of the sweetwillard's Hotel. There's enough stars
be placed. With the greenback still far
be placed. With the greenback still far churia, which we shall recognize on sight, end send some marines to help preserve and send some marines to help preserve interest on these "5-20s" was accordingly and so it goes. One of my carking cares of life, and indulging in the "I suppose they're mostly brevets," trousers of finest cloth fitted him as if the trousers of finest cloth fitted him as if trousers of the \$203,327,250 was therefore about which one is capable. It is not only right say that after they issued all those bre-\$101,663,625, upon which the Government but best that we should all give ourselves brigades there was nobody left to go on

> their face value, thereby putting an addi- and women by entering into the spirit of moted was the Wagon-Master, who said tional \$101,663,625 in the pockets of the Christmas Tide, and we help to make the dering him with a fool title that gave him double eagle. Then came a stout, white restaurant where we can get a feed s world better by so doing.
>
> Let us therefore all rejoice to the uttermost, and bring to those around us whatever merriment we can, and we again wish
>
> dering him with a fool title that gave him double eagle. Then came a stout, white no more pay or allowances. What he neck, a mass of short-cut, close black curls, and a jaunty McClellan cap. His hands were clothed in fine gantlets, fitting like one of our old Marching-curls, and a jaunty McClellan cap. His hands were clothed in fine gantlets, fitting less than that will do me justice."
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> it soon, he'd give Stanton a piece of his mind, so be would."
>
> I only came up day before yesterday," mind, so he would

to the myriads of readers of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE the merriest of Christmases. and Brigadier-Generals, Colonels, and the Another loan was authorized at the same time, called the "Consols of 1865," and to try to thaw it in a camp fire, not to try to thaw it in a camp fire, or take other liberties with it, such as are common to much smarter people than the Colombians.

LOCAL BENEFIT OF PENSIONS.

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"No, no; no Willard's Hotel for us.

"No, no; no W

the Beys in Season of Comrades—They Find | that they had that in which they could take equal glory. If the badge of the tion it," they all answered jollily, putting

the triumphs of Franklin and Nashville. Si and Shorty procured good-sized-acorns,

"Why, Major, you military popinjay!" "Gentlemen," said the new-comer, turning to his companions, "this lily of the fields, who toils not, neither does he spin, is our old friend, Adjutant, now Maj. McHeath, of the 200th Ind. You all knew him when he was poor and like the rest of us, and walked in mean attire and rags through Georgia and the Carolinas."

"Of course we do now since you men-"Of course we do, now, since you men-

done in silver and enamel, from a badge- getting it." seller, of whom there were many along "Where in the world did you get all



"MULTITUDES OF BLUECLAD MEN SWARMED EVERYWHERE."

"Those fellows wearing clover-leaves officers? If so, we'll all go and draw some may talk a good deal about Longstreet's We're all brevetted now." men and Pickett's charge at Gettysburg," said they to one another. "But Long-street bucked up against us seven different times at Chickamauga, and he didn't thank him for our promotion, and we are ley. Many had, lost legs, and were set times at Chicagonal time from the slowly, accustomed to the crutches with which, they hobbled about. Very many more, were recovering from the accorns just as tough jobs as clover-leaves."

Si and Shorty were not fortunate in "We are all looking for a Paymaster of a Jew to make"

browsers don't seem to be rallying on left in the army? Washington like the others." Shorty, after threading around amid the crowds for hours without seeing any of merciful. One customer like McHeath is the old partners of the campaigns from as much as any one man ought to stand. ening defeat at Chickasaw Bayou, or the the National Capital, for which they had Louisville to Chattanooga. "Have they The poor fellow probably has a family." ner, "that all of Pap Thomas's men are being sent directly to him. The papers seem to think that things are not very

bama, and he may have a few chores to do before they will be and officers the pay that is due them, and interest compounded every six months. As old Puritan element which dominated the to the front and strike a blow for their of heads and shoulders moving along the soon as the Treasury got on a firmer footing they were greedily grabbed up by the lists and Baptists—had brought with them nothing remained but for the Govern- of the block. "I saw a swagger of some moneyed men. In all, in 1864-65, \$829,from England a deep aversion to the festival, which, in the old country, was an
much as the entire National debt in

The way he holds into everything, see everything, and hear himself and struts along looks mighty

The splendid dandy they were follow-

Every ell a fop, and every inch a sol-He was under six feet in hight, but carried himself as if 10. His erectness was not the drilled rigidity of the military automaton; it was rather the virile he had been melted and poured into them. The pantaleons had the "set" that only

world that just can walk just that grace- so busy getting something decent to wear, ice during the rebellion to wear, upon ocfully, except the Adjutant," said Si, as that I have hardly thought of eating. I sasions of ceremony, the uniform of the

over everybody in Sherman's Army. But that can't be the Adjutant. What would he be doing here, away from the regi- Shorty and I can find the place the ment? Besides, that man wears a Major's onel—the General, I mean—wants. had a brother.

"Yes; you see we're screamingly in need Si and Shorty were not fortunate in finding acquaintances. There seemed a remarkable sparsity of Army of the Cum-suddenly wealthy, or a credulous Gentile who will sell clothes on credit."

"Heat the man from whom you bought your garb got any confidence whatever

> 'No, boys; go to some other man Re "As soon as these rattlepates give me leave to get a chance to get in a word. General." said the Adjutant, "I want to congratulate you upon your brevet. I saw it in the papers. It should have come to served it, particularly, for capturing those works at Pine Mountain."
> "O, that's all right, my boy. Thank you, very much. My brevet came with a

> wagon load of others, equally deserving, on the 13th of March. It's merely the Government's way of saying thanks to a in our humble way. You must congratu-late these others. Each one of them has been brevetted, and all earned their brevets and much more. Lieuts. Sanderson, Wilkinson and Barwig, there, are brevet Captains; Capts. Sturm and Jordan are Majors, and Maj. Grimbeck is a Lieutenant-Colonel."

> "Yes," said Lieut, Sanderson, who seemed to be the humorist of the party. The army now seems to have reached its revet-age. We have a brevet-President for Commander-in-Chief, Sherman has brereted himself General-in-Chief, and divided his army into smaller brevet armies, the Fourteenth Corps is commanded by brevet Major-General, and so it goes all the way down. We are paid in brevet money, only half its face value, and our commands are on the same scale-comhalf the regulation strength. Even the teamsters call themselves brevet Conductors, Captains and Commodores, and and so it goes. One of my men saw a buz-

the infantry stripe of dark blue was of by date of commission. We have just heavy satin. The natty jacket was surmounted by a pair of Russian shoulder-have been supplied by a brevet Commisconvolutions glittering like a newly-minted Fort Monroe. Can't you point out a good "I don't know of any other man in the answered the Adjutant, "and I have been

"Yes, indeed. And what a double reef seeing one of us writing his name on the

"Good morning, Adjutant," he stepping forward and saluting. "I think Shorty and I can find the place the Collonged to the Army of the Potomac, begold leaves. I made them out distinctly?" "Why, hello, boys. Is this you at last?" give rank and grants of money to the forcause it was the firgest of all the armies, "Well, it's enough like him to be his joyonsly exclaimed the Adjutant, turning tunate recipients, and are valued accordbrother, and I never heard the Adjutant his back unceremoniously upon the Gen-had a brother." had a brother." Great Cesar's ghost,

"Right over there's a very good oysterhis hand; "what officers' sign. You can get oysters in"—
have you been breaking "No, no. No oysters in any struckly have known you in the us," said the brevet General.

In spite of the company of their wives and the infinite variety of interesting sights afforded by Washington, Si and Shorty grew, quite restive as the Spring days became warmer and the war thunders died away on the distant horizon. They were too young and active to remain idle long, and yet there seemed that of Franklin and Nashville.

It is badge of the Second Corps told a proud story of Gettysburg of Gettysburg and that of the Sixth Corps of Gettysburg and the Seventeenth Corps of Gett "Thank you very much. It is much better for you to think I deserve it than the Richmond, and might be expected in a

the Avenue, and sported them proudly on those fine clothes McHeath? Are they they saw a broad, black face, wearing an issuing that kind of togs now to brevetted expression of stern force and dignity, emerge from the crowd. The form to which it belonged was arrayed in many which it belonged was arrayed in many strong colors, and bore in its hands a huge band box, a basket of provisions, and a very large cotton umbrella.

"There she is," shouted the boys, springng forward to greet her and relieve her

of her load. (To be continued.)

SLAVERY AMONG THE MOROS.

Gen. Wood has issued an order which is intended to end slavery among the Moros in the Sulu Archipelago. Much has been said about this institution by ill-informed people, but it is really not slavery as we understand the word. The people are divided into what were known as families by the Jews, tribes or gentes by the Romans, and clans or septs by the Scotch and Irish. At the head of each of these divisions is what would have been called a patriarch by the Jews, or a chief by the Scotch and Irish, and the division not only includes those of his direct blood. but numberless dependents of baser origin. Each division has a certain quantity of land or territory, and it and the work upon it are so apportioned as to secure a support for everybody. This is an institution that has always existed in the world among people in the very earliest stages of development, and seems necessary until they can rise to better forms of government.

It is true that these dependents may be transferred from one to another in various ways, but it is not at all like the horrible slave trade. Many of our officers in the Philippines were given servants by the Datos and others, and these proved satisfactory help and dependents. When the officers were ordered away, they told these young men and women that they were free, and found that this made them absolutely miserable, because they thus became outcasts, with no one to look out or provide for them. With their ideas they are incapable of looking out for themselves, and need some protector, consequently the steps in changing their relations have to be taken with the utmost caution and thoughtfulness

THE PASSING OF THE BREVET.

The brevet in the army has outlived its usefulness, and will soon be abolished It long ago lost much of its attractiveness, and all of its substantial advantages. becoming little if any different from a medal of honor or honorable mention. It was something that we copied from the French, and first appears in the law passed July 6, 1812, by which the President was authorized, with the advice and consent of the Senate, to "confer commissions by brevet upon commissioned officers of the army for distinguished conduct and public service in the presence of the enemy."

These commissions were to bear date from the particular occasion or service for which the officers were brevetted, and officers might be assigned to duty or command according to their brevet rank by the President. Graduates from West Point for whom there were no vacancies could be brevetted Second Lieutenants until a vacancy occurred. Though the officers were not entitled to wear on duty any uniform except that of their actual rank, or to be officially addressed otherwise, yet a brevet gave substantial advantage, inasmuch as they could be assigned to duty according to their rank, panies, regiments, brigades and so on not and to receive the increased pas and allowances. Of course, they made the most of this, and Gen. Scott, who their mules brevet horses. My mulatto striker styles himself a brevet white man, when he was a brevet Major-General, upon the utmost that could be given under the "brevet appointment," and claimed the pantaleons had the "set" that only a genius among tailors could give, and the factorial with the factorial set of set of the set of s and gave a man a higher standing than one who had simply attained to his rank by seniority. He made quite a strong sary, for they gave out before we reached fight on this ground, but as soon as he attained to the Major-Generalcy in the ordinary way, we heard no more from him as to the superior claims of brevets.

In 1866 a law was passed entitling all those who had been in the volunteer serv-"That's can take you to Willard's, where I'm stop- highest grade they held by brevet or other-

and perquisites, however, of brevet rank were steadily curtailed until it meant nothing more than the honorable mention of an officer's service. In the French army, in which brevet originated, it conferred substantial advantages upon the officer receiving it, as do similar distinctions in other European armies. These

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